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is respectfully requested to approve entry of the above-noted change to the drawings of the present application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows (**a marked-up copy of the appropriate paragraph is attached at the end of this Response**):

Please delete the paragraph on page 12 beginning line 16 and ending line 20 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

---In Step 112, a stand-alone flag is set to 1, and in Step 113, a message, implying that the operations of both the stand-alone mode and the remote mode can be performed, is indicated on the display panel 52 (Figs. 1 and 4). An example of the message is shown by reference E1 in Fig. 7A.---

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 12 as follows (**a marked-up copy of claim 12 is attached at the end of this Response**):

12. (Amended - Clean Copy) An image reading device comprising:

means for optically reading an image recorded on a recording material sheet to generate image data;

means for transmitting said image data to a computer provided externally to said image reading device;